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SUPPLY OF URANIUM
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has signed any agreement with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) countries for supply of Uranium;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) the time by which actual supply is likely to be resumed alongwith the details of quantity from each country;and

(d) the benefits likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

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(a) India has singed inter-governmental agreements with France, USA and Russia for Civil nuclear co-operation. NPCIL has signed a MOU with Kazatomprom, Kazakhistan for supply of Uranium.

(b)&(c) Pursuant to IGA signed with France, a contract was awarded to M/s AREVA, France for supply of 300 MT of natural uranium.Pursuant to IGA signed with Russia, two contracts have been signed with Russia,one is for supply of 58 tonnes of enriched Uranium and the other is for supply of 2000 tonnes of natural uranium.Before France can make the shipment,certain documents needs to be exchanged.These are being finalized. Actual shipment will take place immediately after documents have been finalized.

(d) Imported uranium will be fabricated into fuel at Nuclear Fuel Complex (NFC) and used in power reactors under IAEA safeguards.It will improve capacity factors of nuclear power plants thereby making more electricity available to the country.